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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, ET

SUBJECT: ERITREA - INSURGENT ACTIVITY

1. APPROX 7:30 AM ON 12 APRIL, GRAZ GHILE ASFAHAN, A HAMASIEN SUB-DISTRICT OFFICIAL, WAS KILLED NEAR THE MARKET PLACE IN ASMARA BY AN ELF/PLF ASSASSIN. GRAZ GHILE WAS CONSIDERED A GOVERNMENT SPY WHO WAS ALSO HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ALLEGED POISONING OF VILLAGE WELLS IN HAMASIEN DISTRICT IN EARLY JANUARY 1975. REPORTS INDICATE ASSASSIN, WHO USED PISTOL WITH SILENCER, WAS COVERED BY COLLEAGUES DURING KILLING.

2. DURING WEEK OF 7 APRIL A GENERATOR AT ELABARET ESTATES, ON  
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ASMARA-KEREN ROAD, WAS DESTROYED BY ELF/PLF. SOURCES REPORT  
ATTACK WAS CONDUCTED BECAUSE SOLDIERS HAD BEEN OBTAINING FOOD

AT THE FARM. ELABARET ESTATES, WHICH IS ONE OF THE MAJOR COMMERCIAL FARMS IN ERITREA, SUPPLIED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AS WELL AS DAIRY PRODUCTS TO ASMARA. LOSS OF ELECTRICITY COULD SEVERELY CURTAIL OPERATIONS, SINCE IRRIGATION DEPENDENT UPON PUMPING WATER FROM MAN-MADE LAKES. AN ELPA REPRESENTATIVE ESTIMATED IT WOULD TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE.

3. SEVERAL SOURCES HAVE SAID THAT ETHIOPIAN SOLDIERS ARE SELLING GUNS AND AMMO IN ASMARA. ONE REPORT QUOTES AMMO AT 8 CENTS A ROUND, AND ANOTHER OFFERS AN M-60 MACHINE GUN WITH 1000 ROUNDS OF AMMO AT 200 DOLLARS.  
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